

DISCLOSE U. S. HAD WARNING OF RED MOON

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Washington, Nov. 1 — A warning that Russia might launch an earth satellite "at any time" was given a few hours before the Reds hurled their earth "moon" into outer space, it was disclosed today.

The prediction was made by Dr. Herbert Scoville Jr., assistant director of the central intelligence agency, at a closed meeting of the President's committee on scientists and engineers, the committee reported.

This warning was presumably the basis of the White House statement on Oct. 5 that President Eisenhower was not surprised by the launching of the sputnik.

U. S. Loses Scientific Lead

Disclosure of the warning came today as the President's committee on scientists and engineers released a report conceding that the United States no longer holds a vast scientific edge over Russia. The report said the Red earth "moon" is not the result of an isolated advance, but concrete evidence of broad scientific advance.

A secret report, prepared by Dr. Scoville, was released by a spokesman for the President's group. This said the United States was "vastly ahead" of Russia 20 years ago, but is no longer.

The Scoville report said the quality of Russian work in television, including color television, is impressive. Many component are said to be superior to those in American sets.

The quality of Russian medicine was described as equal to that in America. Hospitals often are "old and rickety buildings," but Russians are more interested in "the contents than the package," the report said.

Cites American Myth

Scoville said it is merely a myth, held by many Americans, that Russian scientists are of lower quality than American scientists and that the Russians have less freedom to discuss their work.

In his report of Oct. 4 warn-

ing of a soviet satellite, Scoville said: "There has been no publicity about the Russian earth satellite; they won't announce anything until they have it up there." He added that "it wouldn't surprise us" if Russia launched the satellite at any time.

Scoville also said United States intelligence did not know whether Russia had fired an intercontinental ballistic missile as of Oct. 4, but it conceded that Moscow's ICBM claims might be true.

The committee released Scoville's statement at an open meeting called to consider the need for rapidly increasing the number of American scientists and engineers.

Reds Make Strides

Scoville's Oct. 4 report also said "there is no question" that militarily the Russians are "moving forward by leaps and bounds."

He said, as an example, that Russia has "in the electronics field, a tremendous program for satisfying major military requirements."

Scoville said the ICBM program has a "high priority and they are putting forth tremendous efforts."

"We know they could have fired it but cannot prove whether they did or not," he said.

Predicts New Red "Moon"

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 1 (AP)

—Moonwatch teams thruout the world were alerted today to start morning and evening search for a new Russian satellite Nov. 5.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical observatory, said persistent "reports and rumors" that Russia might

launch a new satellite on the Nov. 7 anniversary of the October revolution prompted his message to moonwatch stations.

Dr. Hynek said he thought it best to get the teams into action a couple of days early.

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